

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

By Sargent

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the ministry of
Pastor Robert Smallwood and his wife, First
Lady Christine Smallwood, at Nashville Kingdom
and Worship Center.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those individuals who have answered a divine call to the ministry and who have served with dedication, vigor, and enthusiasm to perform God's work for their congregations and their communities; and

WHEREAS, two such individuals are Pastor Robert Smallwood and his spouse, Christine Allen Smallwood, who serve as Pastor and First Lady, respectively, to the congregation of Nashville Kingdom and Worship Center; and

WHEREAS, having assumed the pastorate at the age of forty-one, Pastor Smallwood has been at the helm of the Nashville Kingdom and Worship Center for three years, being only the second pastor to lead the congregation of this mighty church since it was founded in 2005; and

WHEREAS, both Pastor and Mrs. Smallwood were educated in the Ohio public schools; Pastor Smallwood went on to graduate from the University of Cincinnati, from which he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in communication; while Mrs. Smallwood graduated from Miami University of Ohio with a degree in retail management; and

WHEREAS, with exceptional spiritual growth and leadership, the Pastor and First Lady Smallwood have encouraged and accompanied the congregation as it has embraced ministries of traditional and creative worship within the church, while continuing to venture out to minister to fellow Christians as well as the unchurched throughout the community, endeavoring always to meet people at their point of greatest worldly and spiritual need; and

WHEREAS, the submission and obedience to the will of God that Pastor and Mrs. Smallwood evince to the good people of Nashville Kingdom and Worship Center is a heralded blessing that has allowed God to show favor upon this fellowship and keep it squarely and solidly grounded on the path of righteousness which has been laid forth over the ages; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is most proud of men and women of faith who are humble in service, spiritual in mind, and determined to do the work of the Lord; and

WHEREAS, the exemplary ministerial work of the Pastor and Mrs. Smallwood are surely deserving of special recognition by this body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby recognize and commend the ministry of Pastor Robert Smallwood and his wife, First Lady Christine Smallwood, at Nashville Kingdom and Worship Center and extend to them our best wishes for continued success and abundant blessings in all of their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.